

**Proposed Community Outreach Plan
VIM Recycling, Inc.
DRAFT – 9/16/09**

Site Tour

Objective: Meet site operator, tour site, view C-pile removal progress, drive through neighborhood around facility.

Invitees:

Cheryl Newton (w/ staff person -- Paul or Shannon)
Dan Murray (IDEM OAQ)
Elkhart Co. Commissioner – Terry Rodino
U.S. Joe Congressman Donnelly's Office – Hodge Patel
U.S. Senator Evan Bayh's Office – Julie Vuckovich
State Representative Craig Fry -- Marilyn Gage

Timeframe: Thursday, Oct. 8, 2009; duration 1-2 hours. (Suggest the site tour be held in the morning before the Elkhart Chamber of Commerce meeting. I believe Dan Murray is the lunch speaker and Cheryl's speech is at 1:30 p.m.)

Next Steps:

Contact VIM to schedule tour -- Paul
Invite Rep. Donnelly and Sen. Bayh – Mary, Ronna
Invite State Rep. Fry -- ?
Invite others/logistics -- Denise, Paul

Informal Meeting with LEAF

Objective: Listening session, provide update on IDEM and EPA progress to address environmental issues at VIM, answer questions.

Considerations:

This is an informational meeting only and is not intended to include a discussion of any legal proceedings LEAF may be engaged in with VIM, IDEM and/or EPA. For any such legal issues, LEAF should be directed to ORC (John Steketee -- Enforcement & Terry Branigan -- Permitting).

Also, it might be best to offer to meet with Ms. Ferraro **solo** on broader air issues in the area, which of course includes VIM.

Invitees:

Kimberly Ferraro, LEAF (+ key clients – Stutsman, Bellows families?)
Cheryl Newton (w/ staff person – Paul or Shannon)
Dan Murray (IDEM OAQ)

Timeframe: Thursday, Oct. 8, 2009; duration approx. 1 hour. (Time depends on start of site tour and others' schedules.)

Next Steps:

Invite LEAF/clients(?) – (I know John offered to call Ms. Ferraro, but it might be best for Paul or me to do it. Or, Cheryl may want to make the call herself.)

Choose meeting location – LEAF/EPA. As long as it meets our needs, we should let LEAF suggest the location. A discussion over coffee at a nearby restaurant would be perfect. I believe Administrator Jackson recently met with Ms. Ferraro and others this way!

Prepare meeting materials/key messages – Denise, All

Public Availability Sessions

Objective: Provide update on progress to remove C-pile and to answer questions.

Invitees:

Cheryl Newton
ARD & LCD staff
Bruce Palin (IDEM OLQ) w/ field staff
Local officials/state and federal elected officials
LEAF
Residents/general public
Media

Timeframe: Late October 2009

Next Steps:

Establish EPA website – Phil Tintner (OPA)

Update and distribute fact sheet requesting input on desire for public meeting -- Paul, Denise, Shannon **(NEED TO COMPLETE SOON)**

Discuss potential IDEM involvement – Cheryl, All

Announce availability sessions (news release/post card to residents) – OPA & Denise

Coordinate meeting logistics – Denise

Prepare meeting materials – Denise, All

Other follow-up items

Use EJSEAT tool to rank VIM neighborhood – Shannon

Determine \$ support for availability sessions – Denise

Plan for final fact sheet and news release when work completed